

# JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



# **News Release**

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## Frederick County Agency Updates for November 5, 2020

Frederick, MD - November 5, 2020

#### **County Executive:**

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Frederick County rose substantially over the past week, with more than 5,000 residents now confirmed to have contracted the virus. County Executive Jan Gardner today stressed the State mandate that everyone wear face coverings in all public settings, both inside and outside. She urged residents to consider alternatives to traditional holiday plans, as family gatherings and house parties have been demonstrated to be high-risk activities for the spread of the virus.



Executive Gardner also announced two new grant opportunities to assist certain businesses affected by the health pandemic for: licensed child care providers in Frederick County and Frederick County food service establishments. See more details here.

### Frederick County Health Department:

Confirmed Cases

5,030

Change in Last 24 Hours: +43

Confirmed Deaths

132

Change in Last 24 Hours: +0

7-Day Positivity Rate

4.3%

Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats.

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Where are face coverings required?

Under Governor Larry Hogan's Executive Order, face coverings are required:

- outside when physical distancing cannot be maintained
- **inside** at the following locales:
  - o Religious facilities
  - o retail establishments
  - o food service establishments when not eating or drinking
  - o fitness centers
  - o gaming facilities
  - o indoor recreational establishments
  - o personal service establishments, such as barbershops and beauty salons
  - indoor theaters
  - o in or on public transportation

#### Thanksgiving:

Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. <u>Travel</u> increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the <u>risks involved</u>.

Here is a list of low, moderate, and higher risk activities for Thanksgiving in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>. As you make your plans, look for ways you can adapt your traditions to make them lower risk for you and your friends and family. (*Click to enlarge*).





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#### For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19.

Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: <a href="https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19">https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19</a>
- Frederick County Government: <u>www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus</u>
- Frederick County Health Department: <u>health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus</u>
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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# IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN ABOUT A BUSINESS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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